

## A New Era for Athletics

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Athletic sports in America are entering upon a new era. With the beginning of active preparations for the great international Olympic games of 1904 starts an interest in the manly sports which is sure to sweep the country and to reach the remotest hamlet and to exert an epoch-making influence in the western world, where recreation has been under the ban of commercialism, and where the spirit of money making has frowned upon sport and sought to brand it with the mark of tolerance instead of approval.

Will the influence of this great movement, this national awakening on the subject of athletics, prove to be influence for good? Because it will probably reach to the remotest hamlet of America, because it will awaken a quick response in every school and college in the country, this question is of greatest importance to the parents of children and youth of this country.

### IT WILL BE INFLUENCE FOR GOOD.

Why? Because athletic sports give a wholesome outlet for physical energies and the interest which every well ordered human animal feels in deeds of physical prowess and contests of skill. Whole communities go to extremes of violence because of a love for morbid excitement that could not exist if some good, sane and stirring form of athletics gave healthful outlet and expression to our inherent tendencies. It is not to be believed, at least by me, that riots, mobs and lynchings could take place to any serious extent among people devoted to athletic sports.

Athletics arouse and develop the best physical traits, the most valuable mental faculties and the most sturdy virtues. Activity is the watchword of athletics. True, the athlete may be lazy—BUT NEVER SO LAZY AS IF NOT AN ATHLETE.

There is not a single manly sport that does not teach mental concentration, rapidity of judgment, self discipline and self control, courage, abstemiousness and mental precision.

Think it over, and see if all these things are not so. But these are not the only things taught by athletics. THERE IS NOT A SINGLE "MANLY SPORT" THAT HAS NOT ITS MORAL BEARING.

I am firm in the belief that if the great Olympic games of 1904 should result in an interest that would cause the country towns and provincial cities of the United States generally to erect stadiums for athletic sports, the cause of morals, or culture and of general good would be greatly advanced.

And what are the international Olympic games? Well; that is another story. Briefly, however, they are to embrace every kind of contest in sports, are to be given in Chicago at a cost perhaps of millions, and will be held in the summer and fall of 1904. From the present moment until the great event itself there will be a series of preliminary athletic contests in which every school, college, athletic society, police force, fire department and organization directly or indirectly associated with manly sports will have an active interest. Already the association has opened an office in the Stock Exchange building in Chicago, and the most prominent educators in the country are working for the advancement of the movement.

The deep interest, manifested by leaders in all countries and in every phase of life for the development of athletics, is an earnest of success in 1904; and it is gratifying to state that no one has been more cordial in this endorsement of the coming games than our own splendid example of virility and strength, the president of the United States.

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We are proud of the world's advancement, and glory in the conveniences modern science has given us, but it is well to remember occasionally that our forefathers seemed to get a full share of enjoyment out of life when there were no railroads, no steamships, no telephones, no telegraphs, nothing, in fact, all that we now consider necessary to our enjoyment of health and happiness. We are no nearer the millennium of happiness than they were.

Character making is the result of doing something, is the result of the formation of habits. Indeed, we are almost ready for Carlyle's extreme statement: "All work is religion, and whatsoever religion is not work may go dwell among the Brahmins. Laborare est orare. If labor is not worship, the more the pity for worship, for this is the noblest thing under God's sky."

While I am not an advocate of the soft pedagogy that is supported in some quarters, yet I believe that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy; but I also believe that "all play and no work makes Jack a mere toy."

I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS WISE TO ENDEAVOR TO HAVE THE CHILD BELIEVE THAT THE WORK HE IS TRYING TO DO IS PLAY. I do not, on the other hand, believe in the doctrine of drudgery. I do not believe in an ideal of work that regards it merely as a preliminary to enjoyment, as something to be gotten over that enjoyment may follow. I do not believe in the doctrine that men should bear the repulsive burden of work in order that the remainder of life may be spent in idle enjoyment. I do not believe in a separation of work into drudgery and enjoyment. I do not believe that boys and girls in school should be taught to endure the drudgery of the schoolroom for the sake of any fun that is to follow. I do not believe in setting up a dualism between work and enjoyment, that will debase all work into mere drudgery.

I BELIEVE THAT BOTH BOYS AND MEN, WHO ARE NOT OVERWORKED, ENJOY THE WORK WHICH THEY DO WELL. Froebel taught, first, that the child develops through creative activity; secondly, that the child is benefited by contact with other children, and HAPPY IN PROPORTION AS HE IS UNSELFISHLY EMPLOYED.

A few of the courtesies of life are not misplaced when shown in business dealings. It pays to add thank you when you receipt a bill, even though you have earned the money.

W. C. Nicholson, of Kansas City spent Sunday with home-folks.

Joe L. Long keeps everything that is due to the grocery line. 11-22-04

W. S. Anderson of Higginsville, was a Lexington visitor Monday.

Mrs. Thomas Smith went to Kansas City Monday morning to visit relatives.

John Harwood, of the Higginsville Leader, was a Lexington visitor Saturday.

H. C. Wallace was looking after legal business at Kansas City Wednesday.

Miss Belle Gordon left for St. Louis Saturday morning to visit Miss Julia Surdette.

Jerre Chamberlin, of Kansas City, spent Sunday with his family in Lexington.

Miss Ollie Carter of Kansas City spent Sunday with her mother in Lexington.

Miss Fannie Sawyer left for St. Louis Saturday morning to visit Miss Annie Laurie.

Phillip Keller left for Kansas City Saturday evening to look after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Campbell have returned from a visit with relatives at Higginsville.

L. G. Buford and wife of Independence, spent Sunday night with Lexington relatives.

Mrs. Sallie Trigg left Saturday evening for Kansas City to visit her mother for a few days.

Max Wallace returned to Kansas City Tuesday evening after a few days visit with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sawyer and son, Leke, of Independence, have gone to California to spend a few weeks.

W. H. Chiles and J. C. McGrew returned Sunday morning from a business visit to Coffeyville, Kansas.

Geo. B. Gordon and wife came up from Higginsville Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of J. J. Bishop.

Mrs. Jennie McEntyre left for Kansas City Saturday evening for a visit with her daughter, Miss Helen McEntyre.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday morning to Ben. F. Haygood and Miss Bessie E. Neal, both of Higginsville.

The Lyric Comic Opera company will appear at the New Grandin the evening of February 13th in "The Musketeers."

Stanley Gordon came down from Kansas City Saturday night and spent Sunday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Gordon.

When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body the application of Ballard's Snow Lintment will give prompt relief. Price, 25 and 50 cents. For sale by Crenshaw & Young. ml

William Winkler, who was the guest of relatives in Lexington for sometime left Wednesday for his home at Los Angeles Cal.

Bate C. Drummond, of Odessa, was a Lexington visitor last Friday. Mr. Drummond is arranging to go down into Oklahoma on business.

Miss Katharine Graham, who has been the guest of Mrs. M. D. Wilson for several weeks, left for her home in St. Joe Saturday morning.

Clarence Kinney announces to his friends in the county that in addition to the transfer business he conducts a first-class feed stable. Lowest rates and best service.

Miss Bettie Mountjoy returned from a visit to St. Louis Tuesday evening. She was accompanied by Master Morton DeMoss who will visit his grandparents.

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Miss Lucy Marshall, who has been attending school at the Missouri Valley college at Marshall, came home Saturday afternoon for a short visit with her parents.

Don't let the hand of time put wrinkles on your face. Keep young, by keeping the blood pure and the digestive organs in a healthful condition. Herbin will do this. Health is youth, disease and sickness brings old age. Price 50 cents. For sale by Crenshaw & Young. ml

Mrs. S. J. Andrew left for El Paso, Texas, Tuesday evening having been called there to the bedside of her daughter, Miss Mamie, who recently went there to seek relief from inflammatory rheumatism.

### STOCK PANIC.

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